

BIG BRIDGE LOST BY RUMANIANS

Russians and Rumanians Driven Out of Whole Cernavoda Region.

TEUTON DASH UNCHECKED

Town of Karamezo in Carpathians Is Bomarded by Czar's Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—More Teuton successes in Romania are announced tonight. Advancing on the whole front, despite heavy rains and roads deep in mud, the Teutons have turned Russians and Rumanians out of the whole Cernavoda region and hold the entire great bridge.

The German War Office announces tonight that troops of the Danube army have crossed the lower Jalomitsa, where the Russians and Rumanians tried to make a stand. The point of crossing is above Cernavoda, and to-day the Germans said all enemy forces had been cleared from the locality. The eleven mile bridge and causeway are in possession of the invaders.

Bulgarian troops marched across the bridge itself last Sunday, according to a delayed radio announcement. When they reached the other side they found the retreating enemy had stripped the Rumanian villages of everything of value.

Russian troops are within gun range of Korosneso, at the Hungarian end of the Jalomitsa Pass through the Carpathians. The town was bombarded by Russian guns to-day, and seven fires were observed. This is the only evidence to-day of success for the incessant Russian attacks in the mountains, which Berlin says still persist.

The Russian statement to-day tells of the effort made on Tuesday to stop the Teutons before they got close to Buzau. The statement tells of the counter attack of Russian cavalry, already announced by Berlin, but does not mention its failure, which Berlin reported yesterday.

The Rumanian troops north of Sinalia, in the Prubova Valley, managed to escape the trap sprung by the sudden capture of Ploesti in their rear when Bucharest was taken, according to a Budapest despatch. The despatch says the Rumanians escaped to Buzau by forced marches over mountain roads, leaving behind baggage and cannon. This despatch, however, contradicts German official statements that most of this force had been captured.

Campina Oil Works Intact.
The same despatch says that the oil works at Campina were little damaged when the Teutons got them, and that all the works will be in operation in a short time. The despatch says nothing of the more important oil works at Ploesti, also captured. Despatches from Rumania have asserted that the oil works were completely demolished before they fell into Teuton hands.

The official German statement on the Russo-Rumanian front follows:
Front of Archduke Joseph in the wooded Carpathians artillery fire was continued.

In the Gergova Mountains and in the Argov Valley the Russians continue their costly, but absolutely unsuccessful attacks.

Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Favorable progress is being made on the whole front in spite

of the great difficulties caused by the condition of the roads.
Great Wallachia, south of the railroad from Bucharest to Cernavoda, has been cleared of enemy forces.

Teutonic Attacks Continued.
The Russian statement on the Rumanian and Galician fronts follows:

The enemy continued his attacks in the direction of Buzau (in central Rumania) on Tuesday. Our cavalry and infantry detachments came in contact with the enemy west and south-west of Buzau. Our cavalry advanced toward the west on Tuesday and, co-operating with the infantry, fought a stubborn battle.

In the wooded Carpathians our artillery successfully bombarded the little town of Korosneso. Seven fires broke out as a result.

Our airplanes successfully dropped bombs on the Russian station on the Tarnopol-Zloczoff railway and on transportation columns near the village of Nouchette, northeast of this railway. In the region of the Pooth station and east of the village of Lipnashadima there was lively artillery fire and mine throwing.

Enemy attempts to make reconnaissance with strong scouting parties on the Narayuvka River, in the region of the village of Podchumianske, were checked by our fire.

RUSSIAN FRONT IN PERIL

German Military Critic Sees Development of Rumanian Defeat.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 14.—In his review of the Rumanian campaign to-day the military critic of the Overseas News Agency lays stress on the strategic menace to the Russian southern front which, he points out, has been created by the developments of the Rumanian operations.

"Before the entry of Rumania into the war," he writes, "the Russian southern front rested upon the Bukovina Mountains, but since the annihilation of the Rumanian army and the advance of the Central Powers in eastern Wallachia this formerly strong front is now under serious strategic menace."

"The Russian forces have been considerably diminished by the violent attacks made in the wooded Carpathians and in the mountains on the Moldavian frontier. Likewise their auxiliary corps which are at present in Rumania have been decimated fruitlessly and the Russian material and munitions with which Russia furnished the Rumanians have been for the most part lost and have added considerably to the war material of the Central Powers."

"The Bulgarian troops which were formerly tied to the Danube have been set free along a 500 kilometer front for other employment. This means particularly an extraordinary increase in strength for the Bulgarian artillery."

"The Central Powers thus have not only gained from an economic standpoint by the capture of Wallachia and the Rumanian army, but also by their success in Rumania have weakened Russia in her supplies of men and material. At the same time the Russian southern front has undeniably been threatened."

"The developments in Eastern nations show unmistakably that the Entente is fully conscious of the consequences inevitable from the victorious advance of the Central Powers in Rumania."

"The rapid and systematic advance of the Central Powers in Wallachia has been such as to give the enemy no chance for an engagement in which success was possible. They have therefore the same strategic value as before, which is of particular value on an open plain for a pursuing force superior in numbers and morale. In the wooded Carpathians and on the mountain frontier of Transylvania the violent Russian attacks indicate clearly how greatly the Russians fear their front will be broken."

Referendum in Denmark.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says the referendum on the question of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States was held to-day. The result is not yet known.

BIG GERMAN LOSS ON SOMME.

British War Office Explains Berlin's Desire for Peace.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—"Despite its blatant and arrogant tone Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace speech offers us much encouragement when considered from a military standpoint," said Gen. Frederick D. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British War Office, discussing to-day the military significance of the German Chancellor's peace offering. Gen. Maurice continued: "The Germans know we are capable of a greater offensive than we launched last summer on the Somme and they do not like the prospect. We are increasing our forces and our munitions and are improving our positions by the same means. We are not only attacking from similar data, we and the French have computed the German losses on the Somme and have arrived at exactly the same results, which may be expressed as follows:

"The total German loss in men was more than 700,000, which included 95,000 prisoners. In material we took 135 tanks, 150 field pieces and 1,483 machine guns."

"It must be remembered that our prisoners were first line fighting men from the front line trenches, while the recent captives were taken in Rumania. Powers consisted in large part of the army service medical corps and other practically non-combatant portions of the army which necessarily were picked up in operations like those in Rumania. "Germany knows we are prepared to initiate a greater offensive at any place on the western front than on the Somme."

ENGLAND BOTHERS NEUTRALS.

Lord Robert Cecil Says British Measures Cannot Be Avoided.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Replying in the House of Commons to-day to a question put by Arthur Lynch, Nationalist member for West Clare, suggesting that many particulars in the policy of the British Government with regard to the United States had been of an irritating kind without any compensation corresponding to the danger of producing misunderstandings, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, said:

"It is unfortunately inevitable that our measures should cause inconvenience to the citizens of neutral countries. Much as we regret it, I can only say that, consistently with the paramount duties of using our belligerent rights, we have done and are doing all we can to make their exercise as little irksome to neutrals as possible."

RIOTING IN LITHUANIA.

Peasants Revolt at Alleged Order of Deportation to Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Wireless Press gives out the following under date of Bern:

"Forcible deportation of Lithuanian peasants to work in Germany has provoked several revolts in Lithuania. There was a formidable rising in the Samogitian province of Suwalki. Peasants armed with hatchets attacked the German military commission sent there to enrol workmen."

"In other districts many peasants are hiding in the forest and marshes. In many parts of Lithuania bands of peasants have destroyed railways, bridges and telegraph lines."

PEACE LIKE ZEPPELIN RAIDS.

Field Marshal French Says Offer Helps Recruiting.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Field Marshal Viscount French speaking at Cardiff to-day said:

"Germany's so-called peace proposal will only serve, like the Zeppelin raids, to draw this nation closer together. The Kaiser will thus prove our best recruiting agent and his latest piece of arrogant insolence will only prompt us to additional efforts."

ALLIES TO SEND NEW DEMANDS TO GREECE

Will Force a Settlement With Constantine, Commons Told.

NATIONS AGREE ON PLAN

Hear King's Forces Will Join Germans in Attack on Sarrail's Army.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Allies intend to clear up the Greek situation by presenting new and drastic demands at once to King Constantine's Government. Fully alive to the dangers of further delay, all the Allies have agreed to force a settlement.

The complete blockade of Greek ports, which the Allies now have in force, does not imply a state of war between Greece and the Allies, however. This announcement Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, also made in the House of Commons to-day, following his announcement that demands are to be presented.

Meanwhile news from the Macedonian front, especially from the Monastir region, provokes anxiety here. To-day the French War Office announces that yesterday the Germans and Bulgars bombarded the entire Serbian front and the city of Monastir. Some of the inhabitants of Monastir were killed.

Such a bombardment might be the prelude to the big attack upon Gen. Sarrail's troops by an army reinforced by German troops released from the Rumanian front. It is pointed out, however, in cooperation with this attack that Constantine is reported ready to throw Greek troops at Sarrail's rear, and it has been reported that the Greek and French already are fighting near Katerini.

Furthermore, German reports continue to announce that Serbian attacks, which until recently were irresistible, have been repulsed repeatedly on this front.

Unless the Serbs and the forces co-operating can oust Germans and Bulgars from the heights north of Monastir, it is pointed out, the city itself could hardly be held if the Teutons attacked in force. Monastir is in a

basin easily accessible to artillery fire.

The French statement reads: Attacks launched by the Serbs on December 13 bombarded the entire Serbian front and the city of Monastir. There were several victims among the civilian population of Monastir. Our batteries responded effectually. No infantry forces were engaged.

The German statement says: Attacks launched by the Serbs east of the Cerna broke down with heavy losses before the Bulgarian positions.

ROCKEFELLER MILK FOR POLES

Relief Commission to Buy 80 Tons a Month in Switzerland.

BERLIN (by wireless), Dec. 14.—The Rockefeller War Relief Commission, says an Overseas News Agency announcement to-day, has obtained permission to import from Switzerland eighty tons of condensed milk each month.

"Eleven thousand five hundred babies in Warsaw and 5,000 in Lodz," adds the statement, "will thus receive a daily ration of milk. The German railroads will ship this milk free of charge."

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung expresses the hope that Switzerland will be able to provide this quantity of milk regularly, but considers it rather doubtful, as Swiss milk production has been curtailed through measures taken by the Entente in the stoppage of the importation of important fodder products, and adds: "Now the Entente has an opportunity to furnish proof of its alleged friendship for the Poles."

DANISH WEST INDIES APPEAL.

Mass Meeting at St. Thomas Cables Resolution to Copenhagen.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 14.—At a mass meeting here to-day the following resolution was adopted and cabled to the home government at Copenhagen: "The island does not desire to be governed by Porto Rico, but wishes to be permitted to manage its own affairs under the Federal Government. American citizenship to be accorded immediately on the transfer, the port to be free and natives to be given preference in appointments to government positions."

A delegation probably will be sent to Washington to support the stand taken in this resolution.

Locomotives for Belgian Congo.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14.—An order for twenty-four light locomotives for use in the Belgian Congo has been placed with a local firm by the William Diederich Company of London, official representative of the Belgian Government.

Reichstag Meets in January.

AMSTERDAM (via London), Dec. 14.—The Berliner Tageblatt says that the next regular session of the Reichstag will take place about the middle of January, unless important events necessitate an earlier convocation.

BRITISH MAY ARM MERCHANT MARINE

Offensive Action Against Submarines Now Being "Seriously Considered."

PARLIAMENT IS INFORMED

Increasing Activity of German U-Boats Shown in Loss of More Cargo Carriers.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lloyd George's Ministry will act vigorously to deal with the growing menace of the German submarines. The question of arming all merchant ships to fight submarines is under earnest consideration by the Admiralty, Thomas J. Macnamara, Financial Under Secretary for the Admiralty, announced to-day in the House of Commons.

The Government has taken "such action as it considered necessary" for the safety of Capt. Blaikie, taken prisoner by a German submarine that sank the Caledonia. A Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made this announcement in the Commons.

Many newspapers have urged that Great Britain warn Germany at once that if Capt. Blaikie is executed as was Capt. Fryatt Great Britain will exercise in reprisal one of the high German officers now in British prison camps.

The German contention is that Capt. Blaikie tried to ram the submarine.

The increasing danger to the Entente Allies of the new and widespread German submarine campaign is shown by an Amsterdam despatch saying that in ten days submarines have sunk ships with 17,000 tons of coal and 6,000 tons of war material. Furthermore the sinking of five ships of tonnage totalling 12,601 and the loss of nine lives is announced to-day.

According to the Amsterdam despatch, which quotes German sources, German submarines between November 28 and

December 8 sank off the French Atlantic coast among other vessels steamships with coal cargoes of 17,000 tons on their way to France. A British steamship with 4,000 tons of war material on its way from New York to France was also sunk.

The largest of the ships announced today as sunk in the British steamship St. Ursula, announced by Lloyd's. The ship, of 5,100 tons gross, sailed from Montreal on November 8 for Mediterranean ports.

It is now announced that the Harlingen, of 1,000 tons, struck a mine and sank. The crew was picked up by the Harlyn, which "was sunk later," presumably by a submarine. Nine lives were lost, but Lloyd's announcement does not say whether they were members of both crews or of one only.

The crews of the ships Emma Laurens and Bjor, which have been sunk, were saved. It is announced. The Bjor, a Norwegian steamship of 1,880 tons, was torpedoed. The Emma Laurens was a French bark of 2,152 tons gross.

Wreckage of a German torpedo boat has been washed ashore near Gothenburg, says the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent. The correspondent reports also that the Danish steamship Vidar, bound for Hull with agricultural products, has been captured by the Germans and taken into Swinemunde.

The British steamship Burnhope, a vessel of 1,941 tons, has been sunk. The crew, of which several members were injured, has been landed. The captain of the vessel died after reaching shore.

Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Bretwalda, 4,527 tons, has been sunk.

CANADA AGAINST PEACE.

Acting Premier Urges Vigorous Prosecution of War.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 14.—Canada's attitude toward the German peace proposal is indicated in a message sent by Sir George Foster, acting Premier of the Dominion, to Premier Lloyd George, as follows:

"Canada stands with you and the empire for vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

NEW CABINET FOR PORTUGAL.

Formation of Coalition Body Again Being Discussed.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—According to Lisbon newspapers the formation of a Portuguese coalition Cabinet is again being considered.

The present Government in Portugal, which has been in existence since March of the present year, is headed by Premier Antonio Almeida, leader of the Conservative party.

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